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For: Reticle Barrier System for Extreme Ultra-Violet Lithography

Inventors: Roux *et al*.
Our Ref: 1857.1940000

Sir:

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- 2. Original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee; and
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